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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: **CC Docket No. 01-92; WC Docket No. 05-276; WC Docket No. 04-36;
WC Docket No. 05-196**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 24, 2006, the Voice on the Net (VON) Coalition held separate meetings with Chairman Kevin Martin's Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor, Daniel Gonzalez and Michelle Carey; Commissioner Michael Copps and his legal advisor, John Giusti; and Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate and her legal advisor, Aaron Goldberger. The VON Coalition members in attendance at the meetings include: Jim Kohlenberger, Executive Director, VON Coalition; Christopher Libertelli, Skype; Staci Pies, PointOne; Ray Paddock, Intrado; Sheba Chako, BT Americas; Angela Simpson, Covad; Caitlin Clark-Zigmond, New Global Telecom; Jonathan Askin, pulver media; and Jonathan Draluck and Kyle Hoffman, iBasis.

During the meeting, the Coalition discussed several issues of importance to the growth of broadband voice services, including network neutrality, intercarrier compensation and universal service reform, and additional measures necessary to ensure the successful deployment of nationwide emergency services.

First, the Coalition emphasized that as the FCC contemplates any issue affecting Internet Protocol (IP)-enabled technologies, it should refrain from reflexively applying yesterday's rules to tomorrow's technologies. Such a

backward looking approach to regulation could inhibit the growth of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and other new IP-enabled technologies, and therefore slow the overall growth of broadband.

The Coalition discussed the importance of network neutrality principles and urged the Commission to be vigilant in prohibiting discriminatory conduct on the part of network owners. Consumers should be allowed to use any device, application, or service on the Internet that they choose. The openness of the Internet has been its defining hallmark. In an era of intense innovation, such openness is critical to unlocking the vast future potential of Internet voice communications.

The VON Coalition also expressed concern that the FCC continue to move forward with comprehensive intercarrier compensation reform. Critically, the FCC should avoid piecemeal regulation that could predetermine the outcome of comprehensive reform, or would require extensive short-term investment to support the current un-economic regime.

Finally, the VON Coalition provided an update regarding the impressive progress made by the VoIP industry in advancing 911 and E9-1-1 solutions; the VoIP industry has made faster progress in delivering emergency services than any other form of voice service. The Coalition urged the Commission to build on these accomplishments by acting to remove remaining barriers and enabling even more comprehensive solutions.

Respectfully submitted.

/s/

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Commissioner Michael Copps

Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate
Daniel Gonzalez
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